

~~SECRET~~  
SECURITY INFORMATION

OCT 6 1953

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## OFFICE OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES

6

5 October 1953

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOARD

SUBJECT: NIE-99

1. It seems clear on the basis of the IAC representative's meeting on NIE-99, that the Board of National Estimates will have its views with respect to the situation in the USSR forced into the mold of NIE-95. Thus, the present draft of NIE-99 will merely perpetuate the troublesome aspects of NIE-95.

2. Unless I misunderstood the Board's views with respect to Soviet intentions and its interpretations of recent Soviet policy, they differ significantly from NIE-95. I submit that the Board should have one vehicle through which it can periodically present its own considered judgment on such important matters and that the Estimate of the World Situation is ideal for such a purpose.

3. I believe there is no binding commitment to publish NIE-99 as a coordinated estimate. I recommend therefore that the Board withdraw this paper as a coordinated document and publish it as a Board Estimate. This recommendation is made despite the obvious difficulties that such a course would encounter at this late stage in the game.

*Chester L. Cooper*  
Chester L. Cooper

~~SECRET~~

DOCUMENT NO. 2  
NO CHANGE IN CLASS. Y  
☐ DECLASSIFIED  
CLASS. CHANGED TO: TS S C  
NEXT REVIEW DATE: 1991  
AUTH: HR 70-21  
DATE: 5-15-81 REVIEWER: 372004